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In the Matter of Facilitating the Deployment of Text-to-911 and
PS Docket No. 11-153 Other Next Generation 911 Applications
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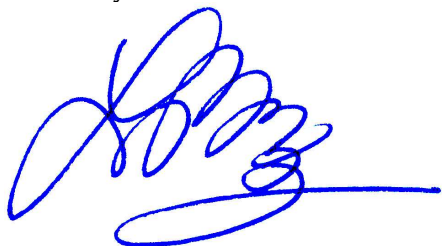
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I want to express my concerns about the deadlines for Text-to-911 – why should we, people with hearing loss, be treated as second-class citizens? If anyone can reach 911 via voice, we should be able to do the same via text due to the logic of functionally equivalency.

If there is any bounced message and I do not have access to other means, perhaps in the middle of nowhere where there is no available assistive device to help me reach 911. With current smartphones/tablets, the video call may work only if there is sufficient broadband signal strength.

Therefore, those carriers should be able to provide what other major carriers have done currently. Time is of essence!

Sincerely Yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'LJ Schwarz', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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